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Inscription on Burma's
Kohima Memorial



■ BY ANNA WHITE

MORE than 700 people are expected to march through the town centre on Remembrance Sunday to honour those who gave their lives for their country.

The parade will start at 10.30am from Week Street, led by the band of the Salvation Army. They will be followed by 36 Engineer Regiment and the Maidstone branches of the Royal British Legion, British Army Association, St John Ambulance, South Borough Primary School and Air Force cadets.

The parade will pass the town hall in the High Street, across the bridge gyratory and to the Cenotaph on The Broadway, for the Service of Remembrance.

The Rev Canon Christopher Morgan-Jones, Major Grayson Williams of the Salvation Army, and Padre Murray McBride, of 36 Engineer Regiment, will lead the service.

At 11am there will be a two-minute silence. Mayor of Maidstone Cllr Denise Joy will then lay the first wreath on behalf of the council and residents of Maidstone, before the parade heads back to the town hall.

In West Malling, the Mayor of Tonbridge and Malling, Cllr Chris Smith, will begin the parade at the saluting base, by the pump in the High Street, at 2pm.

The march will continue to St Mary's

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Tragic tot choked on piece of apple in family home

■ BY NICK DORMAN

A BOY of two died in a freak accident after choking on a piece of apple, an inquest heard.

Sammy Bennett turned blue and went limp after the slice of fruit became stuck in his throat while he was watching television with his parents at the family home in Headcorn.

Coroner Roger Sykes described the death as "the most tragic and ghastly accident".

The inquest was told Sammy's insurance underwriter dad, Carl, and ex-air hostess mum, Claire, had done all they could to save the tot on December 15, last year.

Sammy was rushed to Maidstone Hospital but died after doctors and paramedics spent an hour and 25 minutes attempting to revive him.

Consultant paediatrician Dr Charles Unter told the hearing: "Sammy's parents did exactly the right thing. Five slaps on the back followed by chest thrusts is the standard response for choking. Sadly, it doesn't always work."

No sweets

Mid Kent coroner Mr Sykes said: "I am satisfied this tragedy was beyond redemption even before the paramedic crew arrived."

"Nevertheless, no one gave up. Attempts were made to resuscitate Sammy for a very much longer time than could possibly have been expected to be successful."

Speaking last December, Carl said Sammy had told him he wanted something to eat, but he didn't want to give him sweets, so instead gave the boy an apple.

He said: "I don't like giving them sweets so I said he could have some fruit. Sammy said he wanted a banana, then changed his mind and said he wanted an apple, or 'happle' as he called it."

"I came in from the hall and told him he had been a good boy because he had almost finished the apple."

"It was then he began choking. We



TRAGIC DEATH: Sammy Bennett

tried everything, but you could see he couldn't breathe and he went limp. It was so frightening and has absolutely devastated us.

"We just can't comprehend what has happened. We gave Sammy fruit all the time – all families give their children fruit – but it happened so quickly. We did everything we could."

"I phoned 999, the operator gave me advice on what to do until the paramedics arrived. I thought I was keeping him alive, but it wasn't enough."

He added: "For it to happen at any time is bad enough, but just before Christmas was awful."

"We had been really looking forward to Christmas as it would have been the first when Sammy would have been really into opening his presents."

"It's really torn us apart but we are trying to keep strong, especially for Rebekah [Sammy's sister]. Every day it's getting harder, not easier."

"I peeled and cut the apple into small bits and we did all we could to dislodge the apple when he was choking – I still feel partly to blame."

"I know it was a tragic accident but I keep thinking I shouldn't have given the apple to him."

He added: "Sammy was a gorgeous boy. We just can't take it in that he's gone from us for ever."

The Bennetts have set up a trust fund in Sammy's memory at his favourite animal centre, near the family home.

A verdict of accidental death was recorded by the coroner.

Central control fire HQ opposed by Tory quartet

GOVERNMENT plans to relocate Kent Fire and Rescue Service's control room to Hampshire have been attacked by four Tory candidates.

In 2005, the Government decided to invest more than £350 million into the FiReControl Project.

The aim is to replace local fire control rooms with huge regional centres in 2011. Kent's HQ is in Tovil, Maidstone, but will be relocated to Hampshire.

The new control centre will cover Berks, Bucks, East and West Sussex, Hants, Kent, the Isle of Wight, Oxon and Surrey.

In August, chief fire officer Bill Feeley said: "Kent and Medway Fire and Rescue has expressed concerns about the scale of the project, costs and slippage in the implementation programme, and we are obviously concerned at the impact on staff."

"We are also keen to see that it is flexible enough to cater for local issues as well as regional ones. However, we will continue to do everything we can to ensure the transition is smooth and the service to the public remains first class."

Service HQ was unable to comment on how the project will affect its 38 employees.

Tory parliamentary candidates Helen Grant (Maidstone and Weald); Tracey Crouch (Aylesford and Chatham); Gordon Henderson (Sittingbourne and Sheppey); and Laura Sandys (Thanet South) are calling on ministers to halt the plan.

Mrs Grant said: "What has been a fantastic service is now the subject of the Government's insatiable appetite for central command and control."

"There is no apparent consideration for the potentially fatal effect this change may have on people in Maidstone and the Weald and on our fire officers."

Rosebys jobs axed

HOME and textile outlet Rosebys has been forced to close scores of stores – including in Maidstone – and make hundreds of jobs cuts.

The group was placed in administration in September and "difficult trading conditions" led to the closure of 122 stores and a distribution centre. In total, 816 of the firm's 2,000 staff have now been made redundant.

Last month, Rosebys stores in the county town, Gillingham, Dover and Margate closed. Six staff at the Chequers centre branch were made redundant.

On October 24, joint administrator Howard Smith, of KPMG, said: "It is disappointing but unavoidable to be continuing to close stores."

Since then another 25 branches have closed and only 158 remain.

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Jake finds his panto Jill but local girls miss out

■ BY ANNA WHITE

PRODUCERS of this year's pantomime in Maidstone are disappointed that no girls from the town auditioned for the lead role of Jill this year.

On Saturday, New World Productions launched Maidstone's Got Talent to find someone to play Jill in Jack and the Beanstalk, opposite Hollyoaks star Jake Hendriks.

Would-be stars of the show queued to sing and dance for the role in the Hazlitt's Christmas panto.

Girls from surrounding towns and as far afield as Essex made their way to the theatre, in Earl Street, to try to impress the judges.

But the panel, made up of director Guy Pascall, Hazlitt Arts Centre manager Mandy Hare, producer Guy Telfer and musical director Joanna Clements, were surprised and disappointed to see no one from Maidstone auditioned.

Mr Pascall said: "It was a shame that we didn't see anyone from Maidstone, as we wanted the show to feature local talent."

"We had people travelling from all over to audition - Jake must have a wide appeal."

"We have found a great girl to play the part of Jill, but we're not giving her name away just yet as we haven't told her."

In the audition, girls were required to sing, dance and read part of the script.

Mr Hendriks, who is better known as Father Kieron Hobbs in the teen soap, was meant to be at Maidstone's Got Talent to search for his on-stage love interest, but was held up in traffic.

Instead, he went straight to the Hop Farm, Paddock Wood, where he was due to launch the



PANTO ROLE: Hollyoaks actor Jake Hendriks

5pm and 8pm fireworks shows, but poor weather led to the earlier show being cancelled.

While he waited for the 8pm show, Mr Hendriks spoke to Yourmaidstone about his leading role in the Hazlitt production.

He said: "This is my first time in panto and I'm really looking forward to it."

"Going to see a Christmas panto is a great British tradition. It's enjoyable to watch and especially enjoyable to perform."

"Jack and the Beanstalk has a really good cast and we all get along really well."

"Working with Michael Fenton Stevens is great. I didn't realise how much acting he has done - I looked at his CV and it goes on for ever."

"Tom Swift, who plays Simple Simon in the show, is so funny, we all have a good laugh together so I'm really looking forward to rehearsals."

This is the first time New World Productions has produced the Hazlitt's Christmas show and they have promised it will be the best one yet.

Mr Pascall added: "We are going all-out with this show. We want people to come along and realise the difference in this year's panto."

"A new surround sound system has been installed at the theatre, so the audience will get a real feel for it, especially the giant scene."

"There will also be a live band so they can interact with the actors and audience, which will be great in case anyone forgets their lines as the band can add comedy."

"This year it is a new production company and a new show. We really want people to come and notice the change."

As well as looking forward to his panto debut, the Hollyoaks star, whose character was killed off in the show last month, is looking forward to performing at the Hazlitt Theatre.

He said: "It's great because you can see everyone's reaction - you can see the whole theatre. It's a beautiful building and in a great location."

Jack in the Beanstalk runs from November 29 to January 9.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased by calling the box office on 01622 758 611 or online at www.hazlittartscentre.co.uk.

Warning to shoppers as handbags are snatched

SHOPPERS in the county town are being urged to keep their purses and handbags safe after a series of thefts.

A 42-year-old man was arrested on October 27 on suspicion of stealing one of the purses.

Police are concerned that the recent spate of thefts could become an ongoing problem.

With the Christmas period approaching, officers are warning shoppers in Maidstone to be extra vigilant with their belongings.

PC Stephanie Wilson, of the Maidstone town centre neighbourhood team, said: "We have had a series of reported bag and purse thefts in the town, where elderly women and mothers with pushchairs have been targeted."

Targeted

"In particular, shoe stores are being targeted when people leave bags unattended."

"We urge people to be extra vigilant in looking after their handbags and purses."

"If possible, wear handbags across the front of the body and make sure they are zipped and fastened at all times."

"Never leave a bag on a trolley or a pram, as it only takes a second for a thief to strike."

"Purse chains are available from Maidstone police station and can also be bought from any shoe repair shop or hardware store."

"The security chain connects a purse to a handbag and prevents a thief from taking the purse without the owner noticing," she added.

Hundreds will honour heroes

FROM FRONT PAGE

Church, where a Service of Remembrance will begin at 2.30pm, followed by wreath-laying outside. Maidstone's Independent Spiritualist Church, Tonbridge Road, is holding a special Remembrance Day service on November 9, at 6.30pm.

Soldiers of the Kent-based Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment are asking people to remember 700 comrades in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The regiment, known as the Tigers and its forebears fought in Burma at the battle of Kohima in 1944.

During the battle, Maidstone-born Lance-Corporal John Harman won the Victoria Cross by killing a machine gun crew and capturing their position single-handed, then rushing another post and killing the five enemy soldiers in it.

He was then killed by a burst of machine gun fire. His action is commemorated each year on Kohima Day - April 9 - in all the corporals' messes in the regiment.

The Kohima monument's poignant epitaph is one of the most famous in remembering fallen soldiers.

It reads:

When you go home,
Tell them of us and say,
For your tomorrow
We gave our today

Stars at fireworks spectacular

STARS of this year's Hazlitt Theatre panto will be at the Museum of Kent Life's Bonfire and Fireworks Spectacular on Saturday.

The family party at the Sandling venue will be running all evening, with fairground rides, hot food, candy floss and popcorn. The bonfire will be lit at 7pm.

Fire-eaters will perform before the fireworks display starts at 8pm.

Jack and the Beanstalk cast members, including Tom Swift who plays Simple Simon, will attend.

Last admission is at 7.45pm. Tickets are priced £8 for adults, £7 concessions and £6 children. Children under three go free.

Cops net illegals in search for criminals

AN OPERATION aimed at taking criminals off the road discovered a van full of suspected illegal immigrants.

Operation Lasso, organised by Maidstone council, was launched to crack down on fly-tipping and unregistered waste carriers.

But roadside checks also uncovered cases of benefit fraud, vehicle defects, unlicensed drivers and untaxed vehicles.

The council worked in partnership with Kent Police, Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (Vosa), Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA), the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and immigration officers during the operation.

Teams pulled over vehicles on the A249 Detling Hill, near the County Showground.

The biggest success of the morning was for the UK Border Agency, which helped arrest eight people in connection with a van of suspected illegal immigrants.

Maidstone police seized one vehicle, caught two people for insurance offences and are investigating one person about road safety matters.

The DWP is investigating four people for benefit fraud.

VOSA stopped seven vehicles for defects on cars such as tyres and lights.

The council's environmental enforcement team has two investigations into waste carriers' licences.

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Video murder clue hope

CCTV footage could hold crucial information about Danny King's killer, police say.

Officers are examining footage which could contain clues about the Ditton grandfather's murder last month.

Detective Chief Inspector Jon Bumpus said: "I believe the CCTV footage we have from the area is of great importance."

Mr King was found dead at his home in Medina Road shortly after 3am on Friday, October 17. He had been shot four times.

Det Ch Insp Bumpus said: "We urge anyone with information to get in touch."

Call the incident room on 01622 654863, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.



VICTIM: Danny King

Suspected drugs seized

POLICE seized a suspected drugs stash during a raid on a house in Paddock Wood.

West Kent's neighbourhood team executed a warrant at a home in Cogate Road under the Misuse of Drugs Act on October 30.

They confiscated cannabis, a suspected class A drug and drug-related equipment.

Two people were arrested for suspected drug offences and released on bail.

The RSPCA was called to take a dog from the house after concerns about its living conditions.

Police work rewarded

MAIDSTONE police officers have been recognised for their hard work and dedication at the MaidSafe awards.

PCs Paul Richardson and Martin Carter received an award for their involvement in SNAP (Say no and phone) disco for youngsters, for the last ten years.

The town centre policing unit received an award for teamwork and continued excellence in helping to keep Maidstone safe.

PC Linda Gillete, from the unit, received an individual honour with the Timpson's annual award for her efforts in setting up a seminar on counter-terrorism.

Teenage driver injured

AN 18-year-old was seriously injured when his car smashed into a tree after it careered off a main road.

The teenager was driving a silver Peugeot 306 on the A249 at Detling, towards Maidstone, at about 6.50am on Saturday when the crash happened.

He was taken to hospital with what police called "life-threatening injuries".

His condition is said to be serious but stable. Police are appealing for witnesses.

Dramatic entrance of revamped store

■ BY ANNA WHITE

AFTER a nine-month wait, Morrisons supermarket has welcomed customers after its multi-million pound makeover.

Manager Ian Pallant and re-fit co-ordinator Bruce Rawlinson gave Yourmaidstone an exclusive tour of the refurbished former Safeway store on Sutton Road, Maidstone.

The transformation, which cost more than £5 million, has improved many aspects of the store, including the stunning modern exterior.

The doorway is now covered by a tall arch, there are more windows, an extra floor and two new cash dispensers.

The layout of the store has been revamped and extended at the front, side and back.

To ensure regular customers can find what they need, a member of staff is positioned at the front door handing out maps.

Shoppers still enter via a market hall filled with fruit and vegetables. Mr Rawlinson said: "The market hall has always been a big focal point in the store."

"We have improved everything, for instance the deli in this aisle now stocks more produce."

At the salad counter, Mr Rawlinson said: "This where we prepare our pre-packed and fresh sandwiches. The majority of produce we offer is made right here on site every day."

Mr Pallant said: "We are the only supermarket to prepare so much of our food on site daily."

"Our fishmonger offers the best range and we have our freshly caught fish delivered every day at 6am."

Behind each counter – including the butchers, fishmongers and bakery – all the staff



WELCOME: Managers Ian Pallant and Bruce Rawlinson are delighted with their new-look store

and work areas are visible. Mr Rawlinson said: "We want customers to see their food being prepared. People are much more aware of what they eat and care about where their food has come from."

The same fresh produce rule applies to the store cafe, which over the years has become

very popular with shoppers, nearby workers and residents. The cafe has been moved from its original spot next to the front door to the opposite end, in the new extension, and can now seat 162 people.

A new kitchen and ordering system has been installed.

Bev Sayles, cafe manager, said: "The new cafe is brilliant and has attracted lots of people. We are very busy. The transformation is fantastic. Customers love it and all the staff love working here."

Other sections that have been expanded include the Morrisons 'free from' and whole-food ranges, electronics, wines, and health and beauty.

The store now offers a wide range of home goods, including furnishings, kitchen appliances and decorative accessories.

Mr Rawlinson said: "We have increased almost every range. The home section was a big issue and we wanted to improve it immensely."

Despite the economic downturn, Morrisons has increased its sales and taken on 40 additional workers. The staff area has been moved to the extra floor and managers have ensured their employees are well looked after. Upstairs there is now a canteen, toilets, a training room, showers and a personnel office.

As a thank you, employees were treated to an all-day buffet to mark the completion of the refurbishment.

A main reason for the extension was the ever increasing development in the area.

New Line Learning Academy, formerly Senacre School, is next door and will soon be developed into more than 600 homes, creating more businesses for the supermarket.

Mr Pallant said: "There are still some details to be finalised, but we are really pleased at how it has turned out and we hope our customers are too."

New logo, fresh faces and exciting times on campus

MIDKENT College has unveiled an updated logo ahead of plans to overhaul the Maidstone campus.

The college has modernised its logo by dropping the hyphen and adding a splash of colour.

Graphic designer Klaus Hartleben said: "This bolder, sleeker image reflects the college's reputation as a place where an individual's confidence can thrive."

The new design, which can be seen on billboards throughout Maidstone, has been launched to coincide with the announcement of refurbishment plans for the Maidstone campus at Oakwood Park.



IN THE FLESH: MidKent students on billboards

Meanwhile, the college continues to use students in its advertising campaigns.

Head of marketing Adrian Mills said: "The students love seeing their faces on billboards. It directly involves them and gives them some local fame."

Slavik Kuprisovs, 21, is one of the latest students to feature in college adverts.

The music technology student said: "It's great. People have recognised me and approached me in the street."

The college, which also has campuses at Rochester and Chatham, has announced plans to open a state-of-the-art £86 million campus in Gillingham in 2009.



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EYE OPENER: Dai Williams was told to buy a pair of tweezers so he could have ingrowing eyelashes removed

Hospital patient told to 'buy your own' tweezers

■ BY GARETH DORRIAN

MAIDSTONE Hospital has offered to pay for a pair of tweezers after a patient was asked to buy them so he could undergo a medical procedure.

Lorry driver Dai Williams, 45, couldn't believe it when staff in A&E couldn't find a pair of tweezers in the entire hospital.

They then suggested that he 'pop out' and buy his own so that they could remove ingrown eyelashes.

Diabetes sufferer Mr Williams drove three miles to the nearest Sainsbury's and bought a pair before returning to the hospital to have the painful eyelashes removed.

He said: "I was having my regular eye test in Boot's last month and the optician saw the lashes in my eye and told me I had to pop into the A&E at Maidstone."

"When I got there they looked in and a nurse tried with a massive pair of forceps and failed to get them out."

"They started looking all round the hospital, someone checked with their ear nose and

throat department and they had none either.

"Some of the nurses checked in their handbags for a pair and still no luck."

He added: "I was furious to be honest."

"We all know the NHS is having big problems but this was just too much to take - having to buy my own equipment."

"I was lucky I didn't have heart problems, I probably would've had to bring in my own knife."

Mr Williams, from Staplehurst, paid £3.45 for a pair of tweezers. He said he let the hospital keep them, because it must be feeling the "credit crunch".

He added: "My friends and family have found it quite a laugh really. You couldn't make it up really, but then Maidstone Hospital has had a lot of problems recently."

A Trust spokesman said: "We do not expect or need patients to buy medical equipment and will happily refund Mr Williams. There is no good reason for this to have happened, we apologise, and are sorry Mr Williams was put to such lengths for what should have been a simple trip to A&E."

Mr Williams complained almost a month ago but this week national newspapers carried the story much to the embarrassment of Maidstone Hospital.

County hall staff in charity plunge

DESPITE doubts it wouldn't go-ahead, the chairman of Kent County Council faced his fears and jumped out of a plane to raise money for charity.

Councillor Peter Lake (pictured), and his fellow KCC colleagues and friends Fiona Leathers and Richard Oldfield were briefed at 10am on October 30, ready to set off, but the cloudy skies caused the sky-divers to sit and wait until 4.45pm to take off.

Mr Lakes, called Yourmaidstone when he landed at 5pm, he said: "It was amazing, first you free-fall and then the instructor tells you what to do."

"It is seriously cold up there, but it was just fantastic."

Among the three, the KCC chairman admitted he was nervous, while Mrs Leathers, chairman of the Remuneration Panel, was confident about the dive.

Before the briefing, Mr Lake said: "The last time I jumped out of a plane, I was in my dinner jacket with the army. So, yes I am very nervous."

Mrs Leathers added: "When Peter asked me about doing the dive I was thinking why I am saying yes to this."

"But now I am amazed that I'm not nervous, I even had an excellent night's sleep last night."



Mr Lake has raised £3,000 already for The Hospice in the Weald, The Heart of Kent Hospice, The Pilgrim's Hospice, Valence School, and Help for Heroes.

Mrs Leathers has raised £1,000 so far for Sevenoaks Citizen Advice Bureau, but hopes more people will donate now she has done the jump.

They waited with their friends, families and fellow colleagues, including the KCC chief executive Peter Gilroy, until the late afternoon take off.

yourmaidstone NEWS IN BRIEF

Government is out of touch, say businesses

A NEW survey has revealed 96 percent of Maidstone businesses do not think government understands the needs of the business community.

Tory parliamentary candidate for Maidstone and Weald Helen Grant, created the questionnaire and sent it to more than 1,600 business people in the county town.

The recipients answered questions on various tax and regulatory concerns, what effects have been noticed of the economic downturn on business, views on minimum wage and legal migration controls.

Other questions included what they would want a Conservative government to do if elected, and do they think the government understands their needs.

From the results it was shown that a large amount of businesses in the area have lost confidence in the government.

Mrs Grant said: "I am very encouraged by this level of engagement. I look forward to working with businesses to help them fight the recession and remove some of the many obstacles to growth and profitably imposed by the Labour government."

A Business Club for Maidstone and Weald based organisations is also being launched.

Cheap homes thanks to council handout

COUNCILLORS have decided on another housing development to benefit from the £400,000 affordable housing fund.

On October 31, Maidstone council agreed that they will invest £60,000 into providing seven homes at Oakwood Park, Oakwood Road, in partnership with Hyde Housing Trust.

Four three bedroom houses will be offered on a social rent basis and three will be provided for the New-Build Homebuy scheme.

The council will pay £30,000 from capital within the 2008/09 budget at the start.

The remaining £30,000 will be paid upon completion, from 2009/10 capital.

Shine a light for hospice

THE Heart of Kent Hospice has added West Malling as a stop to its annual Light Up A Life event.

As well as walking through Maidstone high street on Sunday, November 24, a candlelight procession will now take place in West Malling high street on Sunday, November 30.

Light Up A Life is an opportunity for people to remember a loved one by lighting a candle or a light on the Christmas tree - which will last until January 6. Last year's event raised £17,000.

The Maidstone procession will start at the Town Hall at 5.30pm and the West Malling candlelight walk starts at 4.15pm in middle of the high street.

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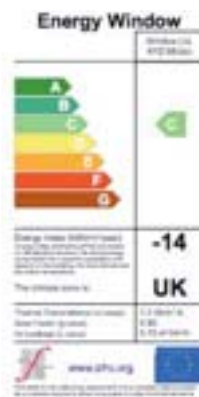
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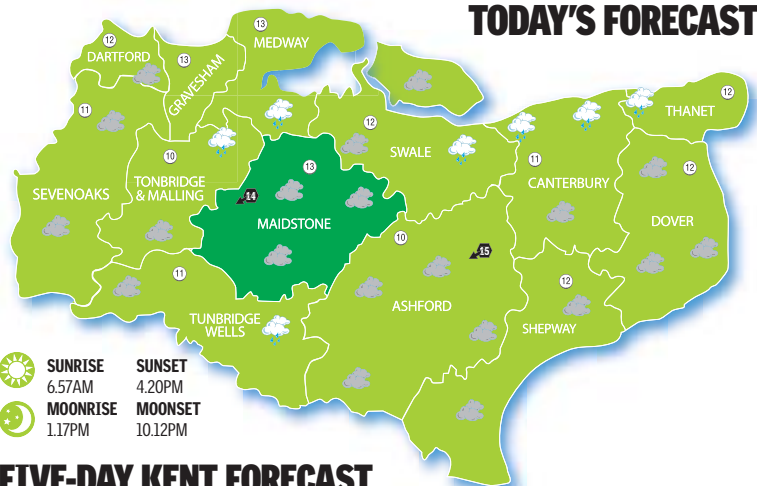
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	Sunday	5:54pm	5.1m
Dungeness	Saturday	4:06pm	6.0m
	Sunday	5:34pm	5.9m
Ramsgate	Saturday	5:00pm	3.8m
	Sunday	6:24pm	3.8m
Sheerness	Saturday	5:46pm	4.6m
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Hong Kong	26°C	Warsaw	7°C
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Multi-tasking teacher honoured at Palladium



CHEERS: Einar with pupils from Harrietsham CE Primary

CHAIR of the governors at Harrietsham CE Primary School has won the DCSF Award for Governor of the Year at the Teaching Awards 2008.

Einar Roberts was nominated for the award for her dedication to the school when Ofsted placed it into special measures in 2002.

During the troubling times, the multi-tasking mum took on various roles and after several failed head teachers she encouraged current head Julie Silk, to join in 2004. Sixth months later the school was out of special measures.

Former Blue Peter presenter Zoe Salmon paid a surprise visit to the school to tell Mrs Roberts she had won the award.

On Sunday, October 19, she was presented with her gold Plato award by BBC radio two DJ Jeremy Vine and television presenter Myleene Klass.

On collecting her award at the London Palladium, Mrs Roberts said: "It has been very humbling listening to such wonderful testimonies about people doing wonderful work."

"There are a number of special people who have helped get the school in the position it's in now, so I accept this award on their behalf as well. This isn't just for me, it's for everybody so it will go in school, not home with me."

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Dartford	15°C	13°C	13°C	14°C	13°C	Rochester	13°C	12°C	12°C	13°C	12°C
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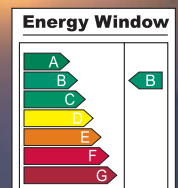


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QUESTION & ANSWER

IVY PAIGE



Q Tell us a little bit about yourself?

A I'm 28 and from Rainham, but now live in Maidstone. As a teenager I spent most of my time performing in Maidstone and Medway as part of The Changeling Theatre Company. I went to Rainham School for Girls and then Canterbury College, before studying for my degree at Darlington College of Arts, from where I graduated with a first class degree with honours. I am now a successful burlesque artiste and trained singer and travel the world with my show. I also work as a freelance lecturer in performing arts and I teach master classes in burlesque and cabaret.

Q Tell us about your burlesque show?

A My work is a medley of striptease, stand up and song. It is a world of dreams, stories and illusions where flesh, emotion and secrets are revealed. I call it 'theatre burlesque'.

Q Why did you want to be a Burlesque Artiste?

A What else could I do with a passion for theatre, glamour and cabaret? I am a showgirl at heart with a penchant for all that sparkles.

Q Did you consider any other careers before deciding you wanted to become a Burlesque Artiste?

A I always knew I would be a performer. I have and still work as a professional actress and director, which heavily informs my work as bur-

lesque and cabaret artiste. I have worked as performing arts lecturer which allows you to question your own performance practice as an artiste and you learn so much from the students.

Q Tell us about your achievements?

A Having John Waters personally choose me for his show was an achievement. Creating my sell out London show Ivy Paige's Scandalous! was a huge achievement. The show received five-star reviews and is now touring.

Receiving a first-class honours degree in theatre was a big achievement and has opened doors for me. Sometimes I can't believe this is my job and then I think of all the hard work that has gone into making a dream my reality.

Q You recently performed at Mu Mu Lounge Bar in Maidstone, did you enjoy bringing your show to your home town?

A Bringing my show to Maidstone was really important to me. I love Mu Mu, it is the perfect venue. I always knew I wanted to showcase local professionals as well as performers from London and the rest of the UK. There is nothing like performing to your home crowd.

Q Which celebrities have you performed with?

A In September I was the supporting artiste to Hollywood Legend John Waters, the creator of Hairspray, during his one-man show at the Hammersmith Apollo. Last year I performed for

The Puppini Sisters at Shepherd's Bush Empire in their finale show, which was amazing.

Q Why did you decide to move to Maidstone?

A I thought long and hard about whether to buy in London or Kent and decided to move to Maidstone, because of its links to the motorway and public transport which is important because I spend a lot of time travelling. I know the area well and it is constantly developing. You only have to drive ten minutes out of town centre and you are surrounded by beautiful countryside which is important for me to escape the busy life of performing.

Q What are your other interests aside from dancing and performing?

A Performing takes up a huge amount of time but on my rare days off I like hunting in vintage shops for clothes or furniture.

Q Finally, what is coming up next for Ivy Paige?

A I am working on a one-woman, one-hour show which will premiere next year. Ivy Paige's Scandalous! and Ivy Paige's Curiosity Cabaret will be touring. I will also be teaching burlesque and cabaret classes. Plus, I am working on a spectacular striptease routine which will premiere at Christmas. I will be bringing more burlesque to Maidstone and Kent and am performing Curiosity Cabaret at Mu Mu on November 6 and December 4.

Q & A

The successful burlesque artiste Ivy Paige took the time to speak to Anna White about her exciting new show and her personal achievements.

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Literary triumph from chronicles of disaster

BY NICK AMES

A SERIES of bizarre tales – some long forgotten – has been compiled in a new book by author Phil Mason.

His Kent Chronicles of Catastrophe and Disaster, just published by Countryside Books, collects colourful and strange incidents which have taken place in history.

These include a man run over 12 times by a train on the North Kent line and another train accident which almost killed Charles Dickens, near Staplehurst in 1865, when the Folkestone to London boat train hit a bridge.

Mr Mason, from Gillingham, has lived in Kent for 20 years and this is his sixth book.

He said: "It is not a dry chronology, nor does it pretend to be a comprehensive account of every terrible event."

"Instead I have chosen to shine the spotlight on the stranger, more curious and lesser-known side of Kent's history."

Also included are details of a First World War disaster when a munitions depot in Faversham exploded, killing 106 people.

Such was the force of the explosion that win-



NO FLOW: The time that Kent's River Medway dried up is featured in the new book by Phil Mason (far right)

dows were shattered over a 20-mile radius and the bang could be heard 50 miles away.

The first UFO sighting officially acknowledged in the UK took place over Sheerness in 1912, while in October 1134, during one of Britain's worst droughts, the River Medway dried up.

An unusual combat death is recorded when a pair of German aircraft attacked the Ashford to Lydd train during the Second World War.

A shot hit the engine and debris flew into the air, including the steam locomotive's funnel, which struck one of the attacking planes, causing it to crash in flames after it careered into telegraph wires.

The defeat of a French invasion at Sandwich is also examined, as is a torpedo which ran aground during testing and caused panic across Herne Bay.

The sinking of a paddle-steamer called the Princess Alice in the Thames is also recalled, as is a catalogue of disasters close to the Goodwin Sands.

The Princess Alice is the UK's worst-ever civilian shipping accident, as it claimed almost 800 lives.

Other tales include the loss of both Amy Johnson and Glenn Miller in mysterious air crashes, Caesar's invasion 2,000 years ago, the visit of Tsar Peter the Great and paranoia about a Nazi tunnel under the sea.

The author said: "Owing to its geographical position as the gateway to Britain, Kent has witnessed more than its fair share of great events."



'We are easing congestion on the school run'

A HOST of schemes designed to slash the number of school children being regularly driven to school is delivering results, county council chiefs claim.

Kent County Council has released figures which reveal an estimated 3,000 fewer pupils in the last academic year are being driven in.

In 2006/07, sample data showed 35.6 per cent of pupils were being driven to school.

For the 2007/08 school year, that figure had reduced to 34.1 per cent.

With more than 211,000 young people attending Kent schools, the council has hailed this as "a major step towards tackling congestion in the county".

It follows a number of schemes rolled out by KCC to supplement the Government-required school travel plans. Among them are:

- The Kent Freedom Pass – a scheme that allows students aged between 11 and 16 to travel on buses anywhere in Kent.
- Working with charity Sustrans to employ a Bike It officer in the Ashford area and encouraging cycling to school across the county.
- Working with bus companies to establish any issues around behaviour on buses and find solutions, so pupils, drivers and the public feel comfortable using them.
- Rating school travel plans to maintain interest and providing additional funding to support schools with 'platinum' status – achieved through introducing sustainable travel schemes.

KCC leader Cllr Paul Carter said: "Nationally, walking and cycling to school has declined in the past 20 years so it is great that Kent is bucking that trend."

"KCC has worked with parents, pupils, teachers and transport companies to offer real alternatives and incentives for people to change their travel habits."

"Not only is it healthier for parents and pupils, it cuts down on congestion to keep Kent moving."



PAUL CARTER: Says Kent is bucking transport trend

Superbug infections in decline

A TOTAL of 269 patients in Kent and Medway caught the superbugs MRSA and *Clostridium difficile* between April and June this year.

However, the county saw 55 per cent fewer cases of the healthcare-associated infections than over the same period in 2007, the latest Health Protection Agency (HPA) figures show.

Nationally, C diff rates have fallen by more than a third, which officials put down to improved hand-washing and a clampdown on over-prescribing anti-

biotics. The figures are those combined from Dartford and Gravesham, Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells and East Kent Hospitals University NHS trusts and Medway NHS Foundation Trust, as well as Bromley Hospitals and Queen Mary's Sidcup trusts.

In all the trusts, since the period April to June 2006, the number of MRSA cases has gone down, from 68 to 34 this year. The number of patients with C diff has fallen from 502 in 2006 to 196 in 2008, the HPA data show. Laura

Probert, of the National Concern for Healthcare Infections, said: "Safeguarding funding for infection prevention and control can help as this is often the first pot that gets raided whenever a trust is in financial difficulty."

The campaigner, whose mother died from C diff at the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford, said KOS Media's campaign to highlight the importance of hand hygiene in the fight against killer bugs was important in raising awareness about hand-washing.



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■ BY NICK AMES

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LIBERTY CAPPED: Magic mushrooms are illegal

Not so mushroom for debate after law is tightened

FOLLOWING police seizures of so-called magic mushrooms this autumn, it is clear many people remain uncertain about the legal situation regarding the fungi.

There is a widespread belief that picking the hallucinogenic psilocybin mushroom is legal but preparing it for consumption in any form is not.

That is not the case. The Drugs Act 2005 ended the situation in which fresh magic mushrooms were legal but those which were dried or prepared for use were not.

The Home Office ruled the hallucinogenic drug was harmful to some users – especially vulnerable people and those with mental health problems – and acted to clarify the law.

Home Office Minister Paul Goggins said in a statement: "Magic mushrooms come under Clause 21 of the Drugs Act 2005. It is now an offence to import, export, produce, supply, possess or possess with intent to supply magic mushrooms, including in the form of growing kits."

Exceptions will be made for people who unknowingly pick the mushrooms in the wild or find them growing in their garden. Critics have argued the act is difficult to police.

Although some do grow in the wild, the vast majority of hallucinogenic mushrooms sold on the open market come from farms in Holland.

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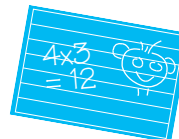
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BREAK TIME

Work experience takes teen abroad

MOST youngsters choose to do work experience at UK based businesses but one school boy decided to complete his in the Solomon Islands.

Sutton Valence School pupil Alex Davidson, aged 14, spent a week of his summer holidays working at the UN Development Programme Office in Honiara, the capital of the Islands – east of New Guinea.

Alex said: "I had a terrific summer holiday, and really enjoyed the experience I gained at the UN and High Commission."



During his time he helped with focus groups and high level meetings with government officials.

The keen worker also volunteered to help draft a diversity action plan for the British High Commission.

The budding businessman may have got a few tips on the running of the government organisation from his dad Ray, who is currently working there in the Solomon Islands, off the coast of Australia.

The youngster received glowing references from the United Nations and the British High Commission for his time there.

Richard Lyne, the High Commissioner, commended Alex for his "great maturity and intelligence."

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FEATHERED FRIENDS: Left: East Borough Primary School Mrs King, headteacher; Jon Kemp, Notcutts Garden Centre manager and youngsters Alvi Quadir, Mary Whiting, Leah Gilbert. Right is Madginford Park Junior School, headteacher Mr Day with Jon Kemp and pupils from school and a variety of bird-related tools

Lessons take flight with bird initiative

■ BY ANNA WHITE

A GROUP of school children now have the tools and knowledge to become expert bird watchers.

Notcutts Garden Centre, Maidstone, launched their Wild About Birds initiative on October 25, to encourage people to look after the feathered animals during the winter months.

Pupils from 26 schools, including Maidstone based Madginford Park Junior School, Bearsted, St John's CE Primary School, Grove Green, and East Borough Primary School, Vinters Road, were presented with the bumper starter packs.

The kit contained a top-of-the-range bird feeding station, educational books, birdbaths, bird feeders and a variety of bird food.

Notcutts' event coincided with RSPB's National Feed the Birds Day, on October 25 and 26, to raise awareness about the decrease in the UK's bird population.

Sally Goldthorpe, Notcutts' wild bird expert, said: "Pollution, housing developments, land reclamation and global warming are all contributing to declining bird numbers."

"We can all do our bit to help, and in doing so can enjoy the sight and antics of our feathered friends, from blackbirds and song thrushes to chaffinches and blue tits. There's a whole world of wild birds out there, which with our help, can survive and flourish."

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Why we must stay calm in face of media-led storm

AS you read this, the polls in the US will be shut and the slow process of counting the votes will be well under way.

In fact, if you don't pick this paper up until the weekend, then the chances are the count is complete and the winner and their new First Lady are now choosing colour schemes for the White House.

In the Congo, blood-curdling atrocities are taking place leaving children orphaned or the victim. And if that wasn't enough, the world continues to teeter on the edge of financial meltdown as the stock markets drop quicker than Harry Redknapp's reputation in and around Portsmouth.

Throw in new scientific proof that the rise in temperatures at the North and South Poles can be attributed to mankind's influence on the atmosphere, and not just a natural cycle, and all in all it was a pretty strong news week.

Yet you'd be forgiven for not realising it. Because our newspapers, radio and television stations over the past ten days have been dominated by a misjudged phone call placed by

two over paid stars to the bloke who used to be the bumbling buffoon Manuel from Fawlty Towers. You really could not make it up.

Perhaps it was the glorious escape from day after day of doom and gloom about capitalism itself self-imploding... none of which most of us really understood, other than all our jobs were a little less secure. What could be the perfect tonic but a desperate craving for the blood of two celebrities for whom the credit crunch sounds more like a trendy type of apple than something to impact on their wealth?

Of course, there were some key principles at stake. Yes, the BBC has a responsibility to its licence fee paying public and yes, it was about time Jonathan Ross was exposed as the tired old bloated has-been he has become.

But the acres of news print and hour upon hour of broadcast space devoted to it, has been overkill on a level previously unheard of.

And the casualties seem to be mounting up at an alarming pace. First Russell Brand – a fine talent and whose radio show was, for those who had never heard of it before this fuss, an hilarious, witty treat which will be sadly missed – then the controller of Radio 2 and, at

the time of writing at least, the bank balance of the aforementioned bloated Mr Ross.

I could say we need to get a bit of a sense of perspective here. There are more important things at stake. And I'm sure Andrews Sachs – who has conducted himself with wonderful dignity – must surely be amazed that some messages on his voicemail have dictated the national news agenda for a solid week.

In fact, I will say it. We, as a nation, have this regrettable ability to whip ourselves into a ridiculous frenzy over things we suddenly attach society's core values to. But what benefit has losing Brand as a Saturday evening DJ or the controller of Radio 2 actually brought to society that a good old fashioned apology couldn't do? Precisely nothing, I would say.

In fact the only good is that I don't have to watch Jonathan Ross on the telly for three months. And the off button was always there for me to make that judgement without a baying mob doing it for me.

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TALK TIME

JULIA SMITH

The keen charity fund-raiser talks about her life in the Maidstone area



Tell us a little bit about yourself?

I have lived in Leeds village, near Maidstone, for 32 years having moved here when I got married. I have two children, a son who is 27 and married, and a daughter who is 23. I have always worked for the HSBC (previously Midland Bank). I worked full time for eight years and have just completed 22 years part time. My job involves working with schools and in the community. I enjoy keeping fit and do a lot of walking for charity. I also like cooking and I enjoy travelling.

What do you do to keep fit?

I have run a netball team for over 30 years and umpire every week. My team is called Vespers and we play in The Malling and Maidstone Netball League. I also go to the gym regularly and also enjoy tennis and walk up to 15 miles a week.

Which charity events have you taken part in?

The Race for Life and London Moonwalk, raising money for Breast Cancer. I have also done the Bluebell Walk for many years and the Moonlit Walk, both for The Heart of Kent Hospice. I have done a zip wire - which was terrifying, to raise funds for The Heart of Kent Hospice and The Walking Bus. Other events that I have taken part in to raise money include quiz evenings, selling cakes and also Children in Need.

YOUR LETTERS



Less deaths are due to safer cars

The debate about speed cameras seems to be one which will not go away and I would like to add my own views.

Surely it is nothing to do with their installation that road accident victims have become fewer in recent years.

It must be far more likely that the increasing safety facilities in

cars are the reasons fewer people are being injured. Better body structures and air bags do far more to stop injuries than cameras ever will.

Moir Stevens
By email

Cameras make roads less safe

As someone who frequently drives along the motorway up to London I wish to say how much I dislike speed cameras.

Most drivers who use the road seem to know where they are either because they have driven the route before or the information as to their locations is available to them via a sat nav or similar device.

The upshot of this is not any increase in safe driving.

Instead what takes place is a sudden braking to the alarm of any motorist not aware of their location.

They just see the car in front slow down at a rapid rate and consequently have to take some sort of evasive action. So the possibilities of a crash are increased.

Likewise when the camera is passed you see a sudden spurt of speed and a consequent threat to any car in front - or reckless overtaking as drivers seek to make up the time they have lost.

These cameras contribute nothing at all to road safety - and cause plenty of problems themselves.

Peter Bowler
By email

Club should keep hold of Arafat

What a shame it is Kent Cricket Club cannot see its way

to keeping Yasir Arafat for next season.

He was one of the best bowlers we had in the championship and by far the best and most effective in limited overs cricket.

Also he was an effective batsman in the lower order. I understand the reason is that he cannot commit for a full season - but Sussex don't seem worried as they have signed him.

Also when has that been a problem for Kent?

We seem to have players who turn up for a couple of matches and then head off after a week or so.

Why can the people at the top not see when they have a good player who they should ensure stays with the club?

Peter Forbes
By email



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prospective MP Helen Grant?

If he has anything in the way of courage about his convictions he should take the opportunity offered to him and walk the streets of Maidstone

But somehow I doubt he will.

Bryan Purves
Maidstone

Not so funny when they're being abused

So a town that is set to elect a black woman as its MP is racist and sexist – or so says Alan Carr.

He really has made an idiot of himself.

It hasn't been a very good week for comedians has it.

Russell Brand is in disgrace alongside chat show host Jonathan Ross and then I read last week another got upset by a man in a homemade nappy.

What's the saying – oh yes, they can dish it out but they can't take it.

Jessica Hawes
Maidstone

Nightmare roads are the real problem

Last week you carried a story about roadside adverts causing problems for motorists and leading to accidents.

Surely the reason Maidstone has such a poor road safety record is that the traffic system itself is a nightmare?

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Roadside adverts will cause more accidents

NEW plans to advertise on longposts could cost lives on the roads, a local politician has warned.

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Wayne Fuller
Maidstone

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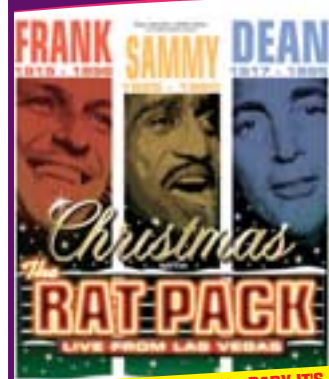
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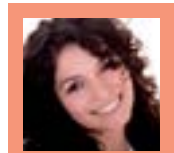
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Lively, attractive female, 32, 5'5", looking to meet that someone special to share life, laughter and love. Box 429124 ②

HORSES FOR COURSES...

Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013 ②

THE TRUTH ABOUT RUTH

I'm Ruth, hard-working, kind, caring, 33, brown hair, brown eyes, nice smile, seeking down-to-earth and loving male to get to know and see what happens! Box 901072 ②

FUN-LOVING FEMALE

Attractive, 31, 5'4, size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTW intelligent, professional, attractive guy for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734 ②

SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE

Bubbly, genuine, honest, caring Mum of 1, 34, dark hair, blue eyes, loves rights in/out, seeking male, 30-40, with GSOH, for love and all. Box 437041 ②

SEIZE THE DAY

Attractive and friendly female, 36, caring, considerate, outgoing, loves to travel and walks on beaches, seeks similar male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102 ②

LOVE TO LOVE YOU

Lovely female, 36, 5'4, medium-large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual. Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102 ②

PRINCESS FIONA

Fun-loving single mum, 37, 5'8, loves going out, staying in and having fun. WLTW a male to be my knight in shining armour. Box 443290 ②

SEIZE THE DAY

Loving female, 36, 5'8, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666 ②

MEND A BROKEN HEART

Single mum, 37, fun-loving, been hurt in past, looking for nice, genuine guy for hopeful happiness - no time wasters! Box 908053 ②

FROM ME TO YOU

Tall leggy brunette, 38, recently bereaved, enjoys meals out or nights in, dry white wine, a good movie & cuddles, seeking a male for companionship. Box 887404 ②

FUTURE FUN, PASSION & ADVENTURE!

Separated brilliant brunette, 39, single mum, 5'17, likes swimming and house music, WLTW a kind and considerate tall white male with dark shoulder length hair. Box 445684 ②

YOUNG-AT-HEART

Attractive 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893 ②

ANIMAL LOVER?

Nurse, 37s, 2 kids, 5'8, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes the gym, cooking, swimming, salsa dancing, looking for a kind, caring, loyal male Box 431557 ②

LOVING IT LARGE

Spiritual 44yr old female, enjoy gardening, cooking and walks on the beach, WLTW a warm, loving and caring male for friendship, maybe a LTR. Box 444803 ②

SIMILAR INTERESTS

Bubbly, divorced mum of 2, medium/large build, 5'4, I'm 44, have a GSOH and enjoy cinema, pubs, socialising, etc. Box 445420 ②

LOVING, CARING & HONEST

Hard working single mum, young 44yr old, 5'15, medium build, enjoys dining out, holidays, cinema and walks. WLTW a caring and genuine male for friendship/relationship. Box 444751 ②

IT'S WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT!

44yr old female, blonde hair, 5'15, slim, easygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with! Box 436810 ②

EVERLASTING LOVE

Beautiful black female, 46, WLTW a caring, gentle and loving gentleman, 45-60, 5'10+, pref a bit sporty, for a everlasting relationship. Tunbridge Wells Box 445407 ②

SPONTANEOUS

Karen, 46, 5'3, medium build, likes keeping fit, getting out and about, travelling and a nice bottle of wine. WLTW light-hearted male for a LTR. Box 445745 ②

ETERNALLY YOURS

Easygoing woman, likes most things in life, country walks, films, cinema, cooking, I'm 46, 5'12, medium build, WLTW genuine, happy guy, easygoing and fun. Box 445635 ②

HAPPY GO LUCKY

Sincere, happy female, with GSOH, 48, fun-loving & outgoing, brown eyes, I have lots of interests and WLTW similar guy. Box 895019 ②

LET'S TAKE A RIDE

Hi, I'm Laura, 47, friendly, honest, love motor-biking, WLTW gentleman interested in bikes, walks, holidays, the countryside, museums, castles, and perhaps love! Box 440397 ②

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?

Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes swimming, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 443466 ②

HOPE AND LOVE FOREVER

Professional female, 49, brunette, loves the outdoors, good food, good wine, seeking similar as myself for loving relationship. Box 443198 ②

ALL THAT I NEED

Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving & outgoing, NS, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out & staying in, seeking similar man, 42-50, Aylesford. Box 428833 ②

CARING & PROFESSIONAL

Feminine 49, 5'4, long hair, slim, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55, Hastings Box 417100 ②

LAUGHTER, THE BEST MEDICINE

Help me write my stand-up comedy routine! I'm 49, I'll need to make me laugh out loud and understand observational comedy to make the grade. Box 892649 ②

JUST IMAGINE

Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things. WLTW genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893592 ②

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Warm, radiant, witty, intelligent, attractive, black female, Christian, 44, likes music, jazz, travel, art, restaurants, theatre, seeking a cultured, NS, intelligent, solvent gentleman. Box 433075 ②

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ENTERTAIN ME

45yo female, medium build, blonde, quite short, seeking tall, confident, sensual guy for regular visiting, dining, loving and laughing, honest, genuine and loving. Box 438854 ②

KEEP GOING

Hi there, I'm a separated woman, 51, blonde hair, I have 1 daughter, aged 11. I like having fun, going out, and enjoying life. Box 445455 ②

THE POSSIBILITIES

Hi, I'm Teresa, 53yr young, like animals, gardening and ordinary things! WLTW a nice man, my age or younger, for a possible relationship. Box 445707 ②

ARE YOU MY MR RIGHT?

Independent, honest, caring and genuine smoker, 53, medium build, GSOH, likes socialising, travelling, WLTW a genuine and honest male for friendship, companionship, maybe a LTR. Box 887442 ②

COMPANIONSHIP, LAUGHTER, HOPEFULLY MORE

Curvy & cuddly, outgoing, friendly, honest female, 53, 5'17, larger build, fair hair, likes socialising, country walks, theatre, cinema, music, swimming, WLTW similar loving male. Box 443642 ②

LAST CHANCE?

Lively, understanding female, 51, large build, WLTW gentle, loving male, 46-58, for lasting, loving relationship. Faversham. Box 399271 ②

SMART MOVE

Spontaneous, friendly, lively female, 55, likes cinema, walking, cooking, socialising, seeks similar person for friendship leading to hopefully more. Box 430854 ②

CALL ME UP...

Civil servant, 36, caring, sharing, GSOH, brown eyes, short brown hair, 5'11, likes the gym, pubs, travelling, reading, cooking, music, seeking female with GSOH. Box 444450 ②

REAL MAN

Honest, kind, caring male, 37, blond, 6'1, enjoys walks, cinema, nights in/out, family life. WLTW like-minded, genuine female. Sarah, please call again, leave contact details! Box 430440 ②

HAPPINESS IS...

Good-looking male, 36, short spiky hair, likes dancing, socialising, films, WLTW nice, loyal, honest female, 30-42, for a relationship. Maidstone. Box 401597 ②

TRUSTWORTHY

Margate man, 37, 6'10, dark hair, nice big build. I work in residential care which I love. I'm down-to-earth, honest lady who wants to settle down with a kind-hearted male. Box 442347 ②

SAILING THE SEVEN SEAS

Young-looking male, 38, 5'10, dark hair, blue eyes, good-looking, no tea, a carpenter, likes the outdoors, seeks lady to sail off and find love with. Box 444937 ②

GOING STEADY

Older 38yr old man, 6'11, slim, looking for lady, 35-50, friendly, friendship and a steady relationship. Box 445819 ②

LONESOME LAD

Blond 39yr old male, blue eyes, educated, attractive, solvent (just!), genuine, loyal, adventurous and definitely different. Seeks beautiful future with someone like you. Box 885814 ②

CHEEKY BOY

Cheeky 41yr old male, likes pubs, clubs, meals out, cuddles and snogs, seeks female, 30-40, for friendship. Tunbridge Wells Box 445892 ②

MAKE IT A LOVELY DAY

Hi, I'm Carl, 40, GSOH, 6'1, light green eyes, brown hair, looking for a fun, bubbly woman to share laugh, days out and much more. Box 436996 ②

SOON TO BE DIVORCED

My name is Steve, 41yrs young, 5'17, normal build, looking for good company and fun with a female of height. GSOH is a must! Box 885615 ②

A MAN WHO LOVES SHOES

Good-looking male, 42, beautiful blue eyes, likes good music, history (Napoleonic Indian food and shoes!), WLTW a younger female, 20-30, for a LTR. Box 445833 ②

ASHFORD MAN

Attractive guy, nice to be with, laid back, I'm 47, 5'10, medium stocky build, brown hair, own business and home, enjoys walks, pubs, wine, restaurants, cinema. Box 437225 ②



MEN seeking women

BLUE-EYED BOY
5'10, blond-haired, blue-eyed, average build guy, 23, likes hanging out with friends, trying new things, meeting new people, seeking similar girl for mutual love. Box 888422 ②

LARGER LADY WANTED

Muscular white male, 35, 6'15, hobbies include: weight training, music, reading etc, seeking a medium/large female for fun, friendship and who knows what else. Box 444118 ②

MEET ME AND MY PUPPY

Muscular male, 34, divorced, animal lover, just got a puppy! likes scuba diving, mountain biking, looking for a female to join me on my adventures. Box 445821 ②

NON-SMOKING

Active male, 45, 6'2, good body, blue eyes, brown hair, enjoys most things in life, especially travelling and adventures. Seeking female for company or more. Box 920903 ②

TO SHARE MY LIFE

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HELLO, I'M DAVE

Do you need someone to talk to? Active male, 46, self-employed, WLTW a female, similar age, to share the rest of my life with. Box 445746 ②

GET IN TOUCH!

47yr old male, 5'10, likes to have fun-just a big child really! WLTW an honest lady who wants to settle down with a kind-hearted male. Box 445875 ②

WHY WAIT?

Clean shaven, happy male, 45, stocky build, 5'10", smoker, single dad, blue eyes, looking for friendship/companionship, leading to a LTR. Box 409782 ②

IN YOUR EYES

Blond, blue-eyed male, 46, 5'10, enjoys socialising, cinema, live alone in Ashford, looking for a great lady for fun, friendship and more. Box 421864 ②

ALL THE FUN OF THE FAIR!

Youthful dad, 45, 5'10", brown hair, med build, divorcee, likes pubs, cinema, restaurants, theme parks, WLTW female, 36-45, fit, for possible LTR. Cranbrook. Box 737523 ②

SOUND GOOD?

Hi there, I'm 47, 6'1, athletic, good-looking, divorced, own business, GSOH, love music, swimming, meals, cinema, theme parks! seeking slimsish lady 30-45 for possible relationship. Box 439919 ②

WANTS TO COOK FOR TWO</



PROPERTY NEWS

Not a licence to print money, but a professional business option

LANDLORDS will need a licence-to-let and a business plan to take out a mortgage, under new proposals published by the Government.

In a report that could halt the activities of buy-to-let investors, independent housing policy experts recommended measures that would turn letting property into a business rather than a bit of cash on the side.

The review, designed to root out landlords who provide a poor standard of accommodation, also proposed tax incentives that could include changes to stamp duty and capital gains tax for professional landlords to encourage them to buy more properties.

Dr Julie Rugg, the author of the report, said: "We want to see a new culture of renting, where landlords view themselves as hands-on businesspeople not hands-off investors."

The licence would mean that landlords who fail to measure up could have points deducted or lose it altogether and be banned from letting property – rather in the manner of a driving licence

Slight increase in mortgage lending

MORTGAGE lending picked up slightly in September but remained near record lows as the housing market continued to struggle.

A total of 23,422 mortgages for house purchase were approved by British banks last month, up from a record low of 21,342 in August when summer holidays helped push figures down.

There was also more positive news as estate agents reported a slight rise in sales for the month.

Each agent sold an average of six properties in September, up from five in August – the first rise since January, according to the National Association of Estate Agents.

However, mortgage lending in September remained near the lowest on record and is below the six-month average of 27,481, the British Bankers' Association's figures show.

Upsurge raises hopes of market movement



STILL ACTIVE: Creativity and effort is the key to preventing business from stagnating and dispelling the gloom, according to property group Connells

PROPERTY group Connells has just celebrated its most successful sales and lettings month of the year in Kent – and it says it's not all doom and gloom in the county's housing market.

Staff say this shows recent initiatives have helped stimulate trade and make people aware moving is still an option.

They added that the rental market is also picking up and said as long as estate agents are realistic in what they expect to make and consider their prices carefully, the market need not stagnate.

Area partner Mark Weller said: "The results show that the property market in Kent is

■ BY NICK AMES

active and that large numbers of people are still moving or looking to rent.

"With the summer holidays over and people thinking about moving into a new place before Christmas, we have seen a surge not only in the number of instructions but also in tied-up sales.

"We expect this trend to continue as the recent reduction in interest rates could be just the incentive needed for those who were hesitating about buying.

"Houses will continue to sell, as long as vendors are realistic and their agent is prepared to work really hard on their behalf, using

every opportunity to bring a property to the attention of as many buyers as possible."

Other upsurges have been seen across the market. Canterbury was recently voted as having a continuing appeal to buyers.

David Bexon of SmartNewHomes.com said of the city: "Homebuyers are keen to buy into impressive history and status as a World Heritage Site.

"The local economy has grown substantially, with thousands of businesses based in the city centre and plenty of job opportunities."

Housebuilding is also going ahead in Ashford, which has been earmarked as a growth town.

Developers say they have taken fluctuations in the market into account and proposals for 35,000 new homes will be maintained.

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We are acting for the mortgagees & have received an offer of £143,000 on the above property. Interested parties must submit any higher offers in writing to the selling agent before an exchange of contracts takes place

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£150,000

Two bedroom property in village location, no chain, lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom and en suite to bedroom and parking.

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OIEO £150,000

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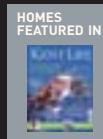


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- superb sized bedrooms



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- immaculate condition
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- additional land available



Rainham

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- in & out drive, no chain



Cliffe woods

£360,000

- extended detached family home
- popular location
- spacious lounge
- 5 bedrooms



Chatham

£350,000

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- popular location



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- conservatory



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- character home
- with potential building plot subject to pp
- 3/4 acres of grounds



Wigmore

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- 3 reception areas
- village location
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ALLINGTON
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ALLINGTON
Modern four bedroom detached house. Conservatory. Popular location.
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ALLINGTON
Extended four bedroom 'Cox' semi. Large gardens. Detached Home office. No forward chain.
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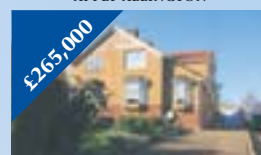
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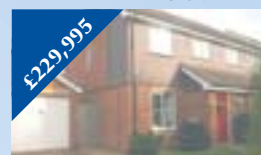
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ALLINGTON
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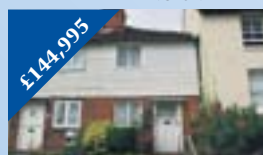
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Modern end of terrace. Two en-suite double bedrooms. Ample driveway. Viewing recommended.
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ALLINGTON
Two bedroom terraced house. Modern interior. Garage. No forward chain.
APPLY ALLINGTON



MAIDSTONE
One bedroom terrace house. Modern interior. Garden and parking. Close to town.
APPLY ALLINGTON



MEREWORTH
Two bedroom period cottage. Requiring up-dating. Pleasant setting. No forward chain.
APPLY WEST MALLING



TESTON
One bedroom apartment. Grade II listed. Modern interior. No forward chain.
APPLY WEST MALLING



TESTON
One bedroom apartment. Pleasant surrounds. No forward chain.
APPLY WEST MALLING



LARKFIELD
Two bedroom end of terrace. Large rear garden. Garage and driveway. No chain.
APPLY WEST MALLING



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Two bedroom end-of-terrace. Modern kitchen and bathroom. Gardens. No forward chain.
APPLY WEST MALLING



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Three bedroom end-of-terrace. Modern bathroom. Driveway. No forward chain.
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LEYBOURNE
Three bedroom end-of-terrace. Modern kitchen and bathroom. Allocated parking.
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WEST MALLING
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MOTORS NEWS



Baby Alfa makes early arrival at Kent dealer

ALFA Romeo's sporty new MiTo supermini arrived at two Kent dealerships this week – two months ahead of official UK launch on January 24, 2009.

But the county's newest Alfa dealership, Lipscomb at Aylesford, Maidstone, and long-established Northgate at Canterbury have the order book open already on the charismatic Italian brand's new baby.

Prices start at £10,975 for the entry level Alfa MiTo 1.4 16V 95BHP Turismo and market watchers at the CAP valuation guide expect the MiTo to hold its value well – the Alfa MiTo 1.3 JTDM (diesel) Veloce should retain 47 per cent of value after three years/60,000 miles.



FG Barnes goes after sales drive with launch

VAUXHALL dealer FG Barnes has taken on the Chevrolet brand and celebrates with a major promotion next weekend.

The move follows closure of the nearby Dutton Forshaw Chevrolet at Parkwood, Maidstone, and will be marked by tempting deals on more than 100 approved used Chevrolets and Vauxhalls.

FG Barnes will also spend around £100,000 on a site revamp to accommodate the brand, with a formal Chevrolet opening in early January, coinciding with Vauxhall's launch of the all-new Insignia.



Captivating Chevy deal on until the end of year

CHEVROLET launched its spacious Captiva SUV last year with a fanfare – prices from £16,995, but closer inspection revealed that this was for the asthmatic front-wheel drive only petrol model.

Now Chevy is offering the more desirable fwd 2.0 VCDi LS diesel for the same price until the end of 2008, saving £1,450 against list price and bringing far better performance and economy – averaging around 40mpg – as well as delivering a high spec including alloys, quality stereo and roof rails.



LOOKING GOOD: Audi's latest generation A4 is a mixture of lifestyle estate and serious load lugger and its longer wheelbase has enabled the car to edge closer to BMW's 3-Series

Audi's A4 spaceship is a 'best drive' – at a price

AUDI created probably the biggest cabin in the compact executive class by launching the all-new A4 earlier this year.

The car's long wheelbase wheel-at-each-corner format has also enabled it to edge closer to the compact executive car leader, BMW's 3-series.

If it is still somewhere short of the rear-wheel drive Beemer for balance and driving pleasure, the gap can be bridged by all-wheel drive A4 Quattro models, for a modest premium of under £2,000 against two-wheel drive equivalents.

Little else is modest on the A4 line-up though once you start moving up from the underpowered sub-£20,000 118bhp 1.8-litre petrol entry model.

Trading up to a diesel takes the threshold to £22,150 and options will pile on the pounds; our seductive 3.0TDI Quattro Avant (estate) test car in mid-range SE trim sells normally for £30,300, but leather seats – they should be standard at this level – add £1,765 and the money pit then opens up.

ROAD TEST AUDI A4

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

Our lavishly-spec'd car struggled to justify its £41,590 price tag.

Where A4 cabin feels well-made, roomy and durable at the £20,000 end of the market, it looks hideously over-priced at the other end.

Enough about shortcomings though, because there is plenty to laud too and especially when equipped with the creamy six-cylinder 237bhp 3.0Tdi – the perfect riposte to claims that petrol engines are still best for refinement.

There is lots of pulling power on tap and the Quattro system transfers this tidily to the road to deliver 0-62mph in 6.3 seconds and a great drive – one of best on test this year.

The long wheelbase, wide track, low-slung stance and light weight plant the car well on the road and it corners with a flat stance and lovely poise, again aided by the Quattro system.

The ride is not harsh though and the A4 feels classy on the motorway, helped by that big cabin and, if fitted, the £1,100 'Open Sky' panoramic sunroof.

As for the Avant body style, this latest generation is a good mix of lifestyle estate and serious load lugger and a sharp looker too.

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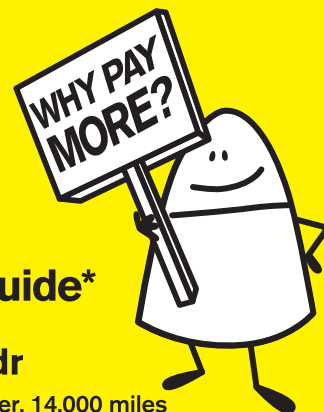
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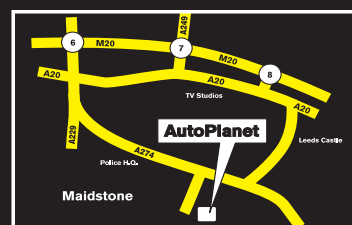
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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

FAMILY CARS

THIS sector used to dominate the UK car market, but sales have been eroded by new categories such as the 4x4 sports utility vehicle and MPV or 'people carrier' and encroachment by upmarket compact executive models like the BMW 3-Series, which now outsells the former UK market leader – the Ford Mondeo. Nevertheless, many second-hand buyers still like the idea of a spacious, comfortable and more conventional family runabout and prices can be very affordable, so here are three popular and contrasting sellers based on ability and value.

FORD MONDEO



ONCE the UK's favourite car, its fall from favour reflects changing tastes rather than the Mondeo's ability. The car's greatest weakness has been the badge – something the latest generation tries to overcome with Germanic quality. Nevertheless, the previous car was well-built, superb to drive and incredibly spacious. Apart from the best-selling hatchback there is a saloon and one of the roomiest and estates in the sector, plus a massive range of engines.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

CITROEN C5



CITROEN'S latest C5 is a stunning looking car inside and lives up to ads suggesting that 'the Germans' may be worried. The old car was less of a threat, but never mind the looks – look at the prices. The original C5 has actually proved to be a reliable and great value used buy, with a pliant ride and loads of space – the estate is enormous for anyone needing to cart lots of stuff. Diesel C5s are the star buy.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
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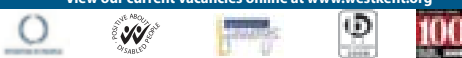
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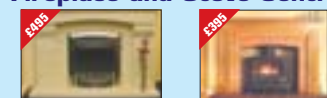
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Firms clamping down on 'social networking'

ONE in three firms in southern England has tough policies for stopping staff social networking, according to new research.

UK firms are the strictest in Europe for not allowing staff to access Facebook and other social networking sites at work.

A new report by mobile network provider 3 reveals that millions of us are social networking during office hours.

Thirty per cent of people in the region surf social networking sites while at work and experts have now coined the term 'social networking' to describe the trend.

It has reached endemic proportions but bosses aren't impressed, with many now imposing official restrictions.

Contract hard sell

BUSINESSES are still overlooking one of the most critical parts of a firm – IT support – says a county expert.

Stuart Kenny, director of Liquid Knowledge in Ashford, said: "Many businesses renew their IT contract habitually and have found their contracts are either lacking in terms of support or far exceed their requirements."

"Basic hardware warranties offer limited peace of mind as modern IT equipment is robust and stable."

"Only 10 per cent of all warranty claims involve hardware. The other 90 per cent relate to software and it is only when software problems have to be resolved that the business owner realises their warranty is hardware-based only."

Data security deficit

A LARGE part of the South East's workforce does not know how or where personal and company data is stored.

They also do not understand the importance of keeping data secure, according to a survey commissioned by data centre and computer room specialists Migration Solutions. Almost half of respondents surveyed had never heard of data centres.

And 39 per cent had no idea where their company data was stored, while 45 per cent of respondents believed their company's data was stored on the server.

Half were unsure if their company backed up its data, while a tenth knew for sure that their company did not.

A quarter believed a long-term IT disaster at head office, such as flood or fire, would have no impact on the business at all.

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Savers batten down the economic hatch

■ BY TONY PATEY



PENNY WISE: Savers in the South East are the canniest in the country

MORE than three-quarters of South East small-business owners are holding onto their cash rather than making immediate decisions about investment because of economic uncertainties.

According to new research by Bank of Scotland Business Banking, over the next 12 months, two in five plan to put aside money for future investment in the business, while a third plan to put aside money in savings to earn interest.

A third plan to put aside money for insurance against hard times and a further worsening in economic conditions.

Britain's small-business owners are currently saving more than £1 billion every month, and a quarter of SMEs in the South East are investing more back into their business than they are saving.

Slightly more are saving and investing in equal amounts, and only one in eight is saving more each month than they are investing back into the business. A third of small-business owners are neither saving nor investing.

Peter Wood, head of strategy and products at Bank of Scotland Business Banking, said: "In a more cautious economic climate, where saving is prioritised over investment, it's vital that SMEs find the best home for their surplus cash."

Meantime, with individuals, almost a third of people in the South East have changed spending habits in the last six months and spent less to cope with the credit crunch – and the region now has the biggest savers.

The average savings balance is £15,493 compared with a national average of £12,703. Scots are reckoned to be the worst savers, with an average stash of £9,939.

Figures released by Lloyds TSB Consumer Banking reveals that more than half of respondents in the region are taking action to clear their debts. Individuals in the South East have, on average, unsecured debt of £2,800, slightly above the national average of £2,771.

A third have increased the amount they pay off each month, compared with only 24 per cent in the North East – the UK's most indebted region.

However, when it comes to long-term saving, 32 per cent of respondents say they do not have a pension, while 57 per cent admit they are concerned about not having enough money for retirement.

In fact, one in five of inhabitants in the region has less than £500 in their savings, leaving them potentially vulnerable to financial difficulty in these uncertain times.

Over half of savers in the South East say they are putting money aside for a rainy day or emergencies. Almost a third are saving for holidays and 27 per cent are putting money away for their retirement. One in five say they are saving for future increases in household bills.

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EXIT: Kent need a new overseas star after Yasir Arafat re-joined Sussex

Relegation to give Kent's new breed chance to prove their worth, says Key

CRICKET

KENT'S reliance on Kolpak players as a "stopgap" appears to be at an end with the emergence of a crop of new youngsters, according to skipper Rob Key.

The county have turned to Kolpak cricketers in recent years to bolster their squad, with the additions of South Africans, Martin van Jaarsveld, Ryan McLaren and Justin Kemp, but the club will change its policy next season.

Relegation in the County Championship this summer was hard for everyone connected with Kent to take, but Key admits it gives the club's youngsters an opportunity to impress.

He said: "It's a chance for us to bring

on some of the young players. We do not want to be going down the Kolpak route as that was a stopgap for us for a while.

"Players like Ryan McLaren have been fantastic and continue to be so, but at the same time we have got to be giving the youngsters a chance."

Sam Northeast, Charlie Hemphrey and Alex Blake will push their claims for inclusion at the start of the season.

Meanwhile, Pakistan all-rounder Yasir Arafat followed Neil Dexter and

Matt Walker out of the club last week after re-signing for Sussex.

The 26-year-old, who joined Kent in 2006 from Sussex, performed admirably for the county in his two years at St Lawrence.

He was leading wicket-taker in one-day and Twenty20 cricket last season, but his decision to sign for Indian Premier League side Kolkata Knight Riders forced Kent's hand as it meant he would not have been available for the whole season.

Kent now begin the search for a new overseas star, with Key not ruling out the possibility of using two players over the course of the year.

Bears all over Green for another victory

BEARSTED have moved up to seventh place in the Kent County League by recording back-to-back victories for the first time this season.

The Bears were too strong for Bromley Green in the 3-1 away win and scored with just two minutes on the clock. Russell McLeish was upended in the area and Jason Batt slotted home the spot kick.

On ten minutes Bearsted doubled their advantage through Gary East, who scored from close range from Ollie Scrivener's corner.

Bromley pulled a goal back on the half hour, putting the pressure back on Bearsted. However, Lewis Smith wrapped up the three points with a well-placed chip deep into the second half.

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Hockey team lose out in cup thriller

MAIDSTONE men's hockey 1st XI missed out on a place in the last 16 of the English Hockey Cup by being on the wrong side of a ten-goal thriller.

Sheffield Hallam, who play in the Conference North, breached the Maidstone defence six times, as they went on to record a 6-4 win.

Maidstone ladies 1st XI will be back in action this Saturday with a trip to bottom side St Albans.

They will hope to secure consecutive wins for the first time this season and move away from the lower reaches of the Conference East table.

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Picture: SIMON HARRIS

KNOCKED OUT: Striker Lloyd Blackman (left) wastes a good chance for the Stones, while the evergreen Neil Smith (right) has another effort go close

Pictures: STEVE TERRELL

Stones' Trophy hopes sunk by defeat to Supermarine

FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

Swindon Supermarine 2

Cook, 45 (penalty), Taylor, 60

Maidstone United 0

Maidstone starting XI



Subs used: Lacy (Smith 66); Schoburgh (Blackman 69); Thompson (Pinnock 79)

JUST a week after crashing out of the FA Cup, Maidstone United's hopes of FA Trophy glory came to an abrupt halt on Saturday.

The Stones travelled to Swindon Supermarine in the second qualifying round hoping to draw on their success that saw them progress to the fourth qualifying round of the FA Cup.

Despite a confidence-building 2-0 win against Margate last Tuesday night, Maidstone were unable to produce the quality to beat the British Gas Premier Division league leaders.

The home side started brightly and could have opened the scoring on 16 minutes. Ash Edenborough was allowed time and space in the Maidstone area, but fired narrowly wide.

Four minutes later saw Maidstone's best chance of the match. Former Gillingham defender Roland Edge whipped in a cross for James Pinnock, but he was forced to witness his shot crash against the post.

The game turned in Swindon Supermarine's favour on the stroke of half-time, as they were

awarded a penalty. The referee spotted a shirt tug in the area and had no hesitation in pointing to the spot.

Steve Cook made no mistake with the penalty and sent Andy Walker the wrong way to give Swindon the lead at the break.

Maidstone fell two goals behind on the hour, following a defensive mix-up by the Stones defenders. The mistake allowed Chris Taylor to waltz into the area and fire into the back of the net.

With a two goal deficit, Maidstone upped the tempo to try and get back in the game. An Edge

cross found Lloyd Blackman via Jay Saunders in the area, but he blasted the ball over the bar.

As the game moved closer towards the end, it was Swindon who came close to finding the net. Walker made a trio of fine saves to keep the score line down.

Saunders and Ian Selley had chances deep into stoppage time but both fired wildly over.

Maidstone are back in Ryman Premier League action on Saturday when they entertain Tooting & Mitcham United at Bourne Park. Kick-off is at 3pm.

Maidstone need to face up to pack of problems

RUGBY

BY YOURMAIDSTONE REPORTER

Old Colfeians 47 Maidstone 0

ALTHOUGH more than two-thirds of the season is still to play, the spectre of relegation hung heavy over Maidstone on Saturday as they were hammered by their nearest rivals.

It was their seventh defeat out of seven in London 2 South this season and took their points difference to a crippling -338.

This game was played in atrocious conditions, with rain falling throughout under leaden skies in south London.

Maidstone's fragile confidence was shaken on 12 minutes with the loss of Piers Frances, who was knocked unconscious in a tackle.

Old Colfeians, who had only won once in the league this season before last weekend, dominated up front and put pressure on the visiting pack.

With a retreating pack and a revised back line, Tom Searles stepped up to stand-off half from full-back to take over from Frances, but Stones' first-half showing was as miserable as the weather. Four tries, two conversions, a penalty and a drop goal left the result in no doubt by half-time.

Maidstone were already five points down to a simple move down the line when Frances was carried off. A drop goal and two penalties opened a 14-0 gap after 30 minutes



DROP RISK: Maidstone's pack was again out-muscled as the relegation threatened side slipped to another heavy defeat on Saturday

and two further converted tries from scrums close to Maidstone's line completed a thoroughly dominant half for the home side.

With the wind at their backs, Maidstone began the second half with more cohesion and aggression. Some intelligent link-up play from Searles helped the visitors put the home side under pressure, but it came to nothing.

On 45 minutes Colfes extended their lead with quick ball from the base of a scrum to allow a try under the posts.



Picture BOB HAYTON

Maidstone enjoyed plenty of time in their opponents' half, but handling mistakes in the worsening conditions made it difficult to exert continued pressure.

Colfes scored two more tries before the end to round off a wretched afternoon for Maidstone, who urgently need to add weight to their pack if they are to dig their way out of relegation trouble.

Mid-table Sidcup are the visitors to the Mote on Saturday as Maidstone hope to avoid an eighth successive defeat.

FOOTBALL



Picture STONE TRENELL

DISGRUNTLED: Maidstone joint manager Lloyd Hume felt a penalty decision helped put Stones out of the FA Trophy

Hume slams referee's FA Trophy penalty decision

MAIDSTONE United joint manager Lloyd Hume was left bemused by a penalty decision which he felt cost his side a place in the third qualifying round of the FA Trophy.

The Stones lost 2-0 to Swindon Supermarine on Saturday which sent them crashing out of the FA Trophy.

However, the referee's decision to award a penalty for Supermarine's first goal was the main talking point at the final whistle for the travelling support and disgruntled manager Hume.

He said: "The referee gave what I thought was a strange penalty. It is very hard to say what it was given for."

"None of the players appealed for a penalty, but as the ball went dead the referee spoke to the linesman and then decided to award a spot kick."

"If the decision had not gone against us I think we would have gone on to win the game."

"However, we did not play very well and a lack of cutting edge up front did not help us either. The game was farcical in a way as the first half was a bit of a non-event. Neither side were able to cause any problems."

The Stones return to Ryman Premier League action on Saturday when they take on Tooting & Mitcham at Bourne Park. After their excursions in the FA Cup and FA Trophy this season, Hume is hoping his side can push towards the play-off positions.

He said: "We have got a lot of games coming up in November but we have got to keep our focus and make sure we pick up wins so we can continue to push for a play-off spot."

"The league is our 100 per cent focus. We can't moan about our run in the cups this year, but it is time to move on."

Midfielder Elliot Bradbrook could be back in the starting line-up after missing the last two games with a slight thigh strain. Striker Andy Martin's second spell at the Stones has ended as he has been released by the management duo of Hume and Alan Walker.

LEAGUE TABLES

RYMAN PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Dover Athletic	12	11	0	1	+19	33
2 Staines Town	13	8	3	2	+11	27
3 Carshalton Athletic	15	8	3	4	+3	27
4 Tooting & M'ham Utd	15	8	2	5	+5	26
5 Tonbridge Angels	14	7	3	4	+9	24
6 Maidstone United	13	7	2	4	+7	23
7 Boreham Wood	13	6	4	3	+5	22
8 Canvey Island	15	6	4	5	+3	22
9 Ashford Town (Mx)	13	7	0	6	+3	21
10 Hastings United	15	7	0	8	-2	21
11 Harlow Town	12	6	2	4	+8	20
12 Billericay Town	14	5	4	5	-5	19
13 Dartford	14	5	3	6	-1	18
14 AFC Hornchurch	13	5	3	5	-1	18
15 Wealdstone	15	4	4	7	-1	16
16 Horsham	12	5	1	6	-4	16
17 Sutton United	12	4	4	4	-4	16
18 Margate	15	3	3	24	-11	12
19 Ramsgate	16	2	6	8	-12	12
20 Heybridge Swifts	14	1	6	7	-8	9
21 Hendon	12	2	2	20	-4	8
22 Harrow Borough	13	1	5	7	-20	8

FIXTURES

Saturday, November 8

Ryman Premier Division

Maidstone United v Tooting & Mitcham United



Picture MARTIN WATSON

NARROW DEFEAT: Aylesford Bulls struggled with the conditions in the second half as they slumped to defeat

Bulls a step behind Elthamians

DIFFICULT playing conditions and a first-half sin bin all worked against Aylesford Bulls as they fell to their third defeat of the season.

The match got off to the worst possible start for Aylesford when they conceded a penalty in the opening minute.

Old Elthamians are the second highest points scorers in the London South East 3 and they made no mistake with the kick.

The match turned in their favour when Bulls fly-half Matt Newton was sin binned for an infringement in the 22.

Whilst Aylesford were down to 14 men, Elthamians sent a kick deep into the Bulls' 22, which was collected by their winger who scored in the corner.

Aylesford reasserted their position in the match at the start of the second half by scoring a try from Centre Tim Veravelau. Dave Dorton added the conversion.

RUGBY

Old Elthamians 15 Aylesford Bulls 12

A succession of strong scrimmages from Old Elthamians led to their second try of the match and they extended their lead to 15-7.

It was always going to be difficult for Aylesford playing against the wind in the second half, but new signing Gary Johnson cut the deficit once again with a well-worked try on the hour.

However, in the remaining 20 minutes Aylesford were unable to find the necessary score to clinch the win at the final whistle.

The Bulls travel to bottom-of-the-league Old Dunstonians on Saturday hoping to return to winning ways. They will go into the match with confidence as Old Dunstonians have lost all six of their matches this season.

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